

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

A Public Hearing will be held at the RedRossa Convention Center, 808 West Sioux Avenue in Pierre, SD at 2:00 PM (CST) on February 28, 2019, to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:06:01:08.01 New Rule.

Effect: Establish a new rule that restricts applicants for East River/Special Buck, West River/Special Buck, Black Hills, Muzzleloader, Refuge and Custer State Park deer hunting seasons to submitting no more than two license applications for the combined drawing for these seasons.

Reason: To increase the number of hunters who draw their preferred deer license and get more hunters out in the field on an annual basis by having fewer unsuccessful applicants.

2. ARSD 41:06:01:09. Application for unsold big game licenses.

Effect: The proposed rule change would alter the drawing structure that would limit the number of applications an individual could submit in East River, Wester River, Black Hills, Muzzleloader, Special Buck (East and West), CSP and Refuge. The proposal would further alter when tags would be pooled and made available to both resident and non-residents applicants.

Reason: These proposed rules would establish a drawing system in which more deer hunters would draw their preferred license on a more regular basis. The structure would allow more individuals the opportunity to deer hunt on an annual basis by distributing available licenses to more individuals in the first and second draws before an individual could draw a second limited-draw license.

3. ARSD 41:06:01:10 Prior application preference.

Effect: The rule change would allow applicants a choice to use preference points for leftover licenses in the first three combined deer drawings. Applicants that choose to use preference points in leftover license drawings will not be allowed to accrue an additional point for an unsuccessful application in the first drawing for the season where preference points were used to draw a leftover license. In addition, preference point fees shall be waived for any person who is or was age 15 or younger in the same year when the preference point is acquired. Any first-time applicant for the first deer combined drawing who meets this same age requirement shall receive an additional preference point upon submission of an application.

Reason: Administrative rule changes and creation of new rules are part of the proposed rules to establish a deer drawing structure which would allow more hunters to obtain their preferred deer license on a more regular basis and provide the applicant the choice of using accrued preference points in more drawings if they so desire to increase their chances at drawing a license in subsequent draws. Currently, preference points are only applied to first choice first draw applications. The administrative rule change would enhance the opportunity for youth hunters to draw the license of their choice.

4. ARSD 41:06:03:02. Game bird transportation and packaging.

Effect: The proposed rule change would eliminate certain requirements that turkey parts have to remain attached to the bird during transportation while tagged.

Reason: Many hunters like to clean the bird in the field and transport the edible portions in coolers. This would accommodate those concerns while still allowing officials to identify legally taken game.

5. ARSD 41:06:13:02. Open units – Spring Turkey.

Effect: The proposed rule change would close archery turkey hunting in Lake County south of State Highway 34.

Reason: The closure would allow the turkey population the ability to grow in numbers and thus be available for harvest at a later date.

6. 41:06:03:01. Tagging required.

Effect: The proposed rule change would allow for greater flexibility to tag big game than is currently allowed.

Reason: The change allows hunters more location options to tag big game and thus not requiring them to carry as much of the big game out of the field.

Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or by going to the GFP website at <http://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions>. All persons who desire to submit written data, opinions, arguments, and their views by mail or email are encouraged to mail or transmit the same in sufficient time so that it is received by and in the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks 72 hours prior to the date of the hearing. Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) to the Commission for their consideration. All written and email comments must include the name, home town/city, and state of the person submitting the comments.

The above rule proposals are available for review on the internet by going to <https://rules.sd.gov/> and copies of the proposed rules may be requested from the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities



who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the hearing should submit a request to the undersigned at 605.773.3718 or 605.223.7684 (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf).

Dated this 4th day of February 2019.

Kelly R Hepler

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